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## TRIPLE TRAGEDY.

Horrible Shooting Affray at Columbus, Ohio.

### RESULT OF A NEWSPAPER FEUD.

Albert Osborne, City Editor of The Sunday World, Shot and Instantly Killed By Col. W. J. Elliott, Editor of The Sunday Capital—W. L. Hughes, an Old Gentleman Who Was Standing Near By, Shot and Instantly Killed With a Stray Bullet—Several Other People Wounded.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 24.—A horrible triple tragedy occurred here shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Two men were killed and several wounded in a fusillade of pistol shots. The terrible affair was the outgrowth of a newspaper feud, which has been raging for several weeks between the publishers of The Sunday World and Sunday Capital of this city. Col. W. J. Elliott, editor of The Capital, shot and instantly killed Albert Osborne, city editor of The World. W. L. Hughes, an old gentleman who was standing near by, was shot and killed with a stray bullet from Elliott's pistol.

The tragedy, as before stated, was the result of a newspaper war. Two weeks ago The World made charges against Elliott's family, insinuating that a female relative of Elliott was unchaste. Elliott retaliated on the following Sunday with a four-column article, charging F. W. Levering, editor of The World, with being the joint proprietor of an assignation house, being associated with a woman named Lou Burton in the disreputable enterprise. Levering is an assistant state oil inspector and prominent in politics. The charges therefore created a profound sensation. Levering and his city editor, Mr. Osborne, retaliated Sunday with a sensational article, charging Elliott with nearly all the crimes in the calendar.

Elliott, with his brother Patrick, and Osborne, met yesterday afternoon in High street, near the American hotel. Patrick Elliott opened fire upon Osborne and Osborne returned the fire. A running battle ensued in which W. J. Elliott joined. Osborne was shot by W. J. Elliott in the head and heart. Patrick Elliott ran, Osborne following. Osborne being followed by W. J. Elliott, all three men emptying their revolvers as rapidly as possible. One of the shots from W. J. Elliott's gun grazed Osborne's arm and he turned and fired at the former. The shot missed its mark, and Osborne fled into Malcolm McDonald's hat store. As he did so he turned and fired at W. J. Elliott. The latter fired almost simultaneously and the shot took effect in Osborne's chin. It went clear through his mouth, upward and backward through the brain, and came out at the base of the skull.

Elliott had followed Osborne into the store and as he fired the last shot grappled with him. In the scuffle which followed both their guns were discharged, and Osborne fell to the floor dead, although the last shot, it is said, did not take effect in either man, the ball which caused Osborne's death having entered his face as he came in through the doorway. Osborne fell upon a large pile of boxes containing hats, and the weight of his body causing the boxes to collapse, they engulfed him, completely covering him. Elliott retreated out the front door, and disappeared in the crowd with the revolver in his hand.

W. L. Hughes, a highly respected citizen and formerly steward of the Ambocile asylum, was standing on the pavement watching the formation of the parade. He was struck during the running battle. The ball entered Hughes' head immediately over the left eye, and he dropped upon the iron grating in front of the Amboc restaurant, expiring instantly.

Patrick Elliott was shot in the back and arm, and has a frightful wound on top of the head. The physicians are as yet unable to determine how serious his wounds are.

Two other men are known to have received bullet wounds. C. W. Sullivan, a clerk of C. C. Griswolds, who, while passing the scene, was shot in the left arm, though not serious; the other was a young student named Gardner, who received a bullet in the left leg. Several other persons are reported slightly injured, but were hastily carried away.

W. J. Elliott was at one time state supervisor of printing, and has taken an active part in politics. He is a personal friend of Charles Stewart Parnell, the deposed Irish leader.

Both of the Elliotts are locked up at the station house.

W. J. Elliott was seen at the station shortly after by a United Press reporter, where he and his brother Pat had been named as "suspicious," and asked for a statement. Said he: "I have nothing to conceal. I will tell all I know. At 1 o'clock this afternoon I drove to town from Arlington, where I live, and went to The Capital office to pay off the men. As none of the men were there I thought I would go up town and see the parade. At the corner of Gay and High I met Pat, my brother, and we started south on High street. When opposite Park's gun store I said to Pat that I had left a pistol in there to get it fixed about a week before and that I believed I would go in and get it. When the nigger gave me the pistol I put it into my pocket, not even looking to see whether the fellow had loaded it or not.

"We started on south, and I told Pat if we met Levering to drop behind and that neither of us would pay any attention to him. I did not expect to see Osborne, as he never comes up town for several days after he writes anybody up. You know he worked for me seven years. When he would write up a colored man even, he would not come

up town for several days afterwards. When in front of Schrader's saloon, I turned and saw Osborne with a revolver pointed at me. I reached for my pistol when I heard a bullet whizz by my head. I think he shot two or three times at me and I fired back. Osborne started after Pat, and Pat ran out into the street through the crowd, Osborne firing at him and into the crowd."

Elliott thinks that this was when the men in the crowd were shot, and that the bullets from Osborne's gun wounded them. Pat Elliott here stated that while running he felt two stings, one back of the left hip and one in the back of the right arm, where bullets struck him. He says that he ran into a store, with Osborne after him; that Osborne seized him and struck him on the head with his revolver, making a scalp wound. His hat is all crushed in and shreds that he had been struck.

W. J. Elliott also said that he had no intention when he went on the street of shooting anyone; that the whole thing was done on the impulse of the moment, and was not premeditated at all; that if he had intended to shoot anyone he would have got a Winchester or magazine gun, or something of large calibre. He said that he would not have hurt Levering if he had seen him; that he would not have shot him if Levering had come up to him and slapped him in the face.

According to their statements both of the Elliotts did some shooting, but claim that Osborne shot first.

The story of the shooting, as related by us and Shede Johns, eye-witnesses, is that A. C. Osborne was standing in front of Schrader's talking to Frank Clarke, an attorney, when the Elliotts appeared, walking south on High street. The two men walked up close to where Osborne was standing and one of the Elliotts remarked: "Give it to the s— of a b—," whereupon one of them fired at Osborne, who started to back towards the north. He pulled a pistol and began firing at the two Elliotts, who were following him with revolvers in hand shooting at him. They were firing to the north, while Osborne fired south. As the latter neared McDonald's hat store he opened the door and ran in. Patrick Elliott in close pursuit, shooting at him. Patrickman Ivan McManamy caught Col. W. J. Elliott and took the revolver away from him. When the police entered the hat store they found Osborne lying dead on the floor and Patrick Elliott standing over him with a revolver still smoking in his hand.

Three revolvers have been found, but Osborne's is not among them. Two of them belong to the Elliotts, and are nearly empty of loads. The police are anxious to find the owner of the third. A very chamber is loaded, and the police believe it was held by some fourth party, yet unknown. There were all together fourteen shots fired.

At Elliott says Mr. Hughes was killed by Osborne, while eye-witnesses claim W. J. Elliott shot Hughes. W. J. Elliott said that he did not regret the death of Osborne in the least, but would rather have served twenty years of his life in the penitentiary than to be indirectly the cause of Mr. Hughes' death.

Thousands of people have been crowded around the front of McDonald's hat store and the Amboc restaurant, where the tragedy occurred, and these places were forced to lock their doors. Public sentiment is strongly against the Elliotts, and threats of lynching were heard from all sides during the afternoon. The station house is heavily guarded.

In the Senate yesterday afternoon, Mr. Cole introduced a bill which was suggested by the newspaper feud resulting so horribly. It provides that any editor, proprietor, owner or correspondent who publishes or permits to be published any attack upon the private character of any citizen with intent to injure his credit or standing in public, or to publicly charge any citizen with an unlawful practice in private affairs, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and fined not less than \$1,000 and confined in the penitentiary not less than one year, or both at the discretion of the court.

### NOVA SCOTIA MINE HORROR.

One Hundred and Twenty Bodies Already Recovered.

SPRING HILL MINES, N. S., Feb. 24.—Three more bodies were taken from the ill-fated mine yesterday afternoon making the total number recovered so far 120. John Gillis, Peter Gallagher and Daniel Lockhart were among those who were identified yesterday. It is thought now that all bodies have been recovered, but the rescuing party will continue the search until every foot of ground has been gone over.

A sad incident in connection with the disaster occurred yesterday afternoon. While Oliver Dwyer, a broken-hearted Frenchman, accompanied by his only living child, was engaged in removing from the morgue the dead body of his son, James, one of the victims, the little fellow slipped on the ice and broke his neck.

Mine Superintendent Conway has been completely prostrated since the disaster, and fears are entertained for his recovery.

Cases of extreme destitution are cropping up from every quarter of the mining settlement, and several cases verging on actual starvation are reported. The mayor has issued an appeal which is being not broadcast. The necessity for a prompt response is great. The first subscription to the relief fund was \$200, telegraphed from J. W. Cleland, president of the Acadia Mining company of New York city. Owing to the demoralized condition of the inhabitants, considerable difficulty has been experienced in securing workmen to dig graves for the victims. About fifty bodies were interred yesterday, while applications were made for graves for ninety. The mines will probably be in working order in two weeks.

The interest bearing part of the national debt amounted to about \$619,000,000 at the beginning of last month. This is the only part of the debt which is burdensome.—Exchange.

## OVERFLOWED RIVER.

The Ohio Still Continues to Rise.

### SITUATION AT CINCINNATI.

The Outlook Growing More Serious and More Rain Predicted—Many Buildings Flooded—Business Greatly Interfered With—Situation Elsewhere.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 24.—The outlook for the Ohio river flood grows worse. In addition to the rise at Pittsburg, the weather map, as made up from this morning's reports shows that there is an almost certainty of additional rain in the Ohio valley within twenty-four hours.

The river continues to rise about an inch an hour, and is now nearly fifty feet above flood.

At Portsmouth at some distance less than an inch an hour. There is some hope in the fact that it is falling again at Wheeling and at Parkersburg and also that the headwaters of the Great Kanawha are falling. The effect of the flood at this stage of the water, is inconvenient but not disastrous.

The railroads that use the Central depot have been compelled to vacate it, but they all have improvised passenger stations which they use instead. The Chesapeake and Ohio and the Kentucky Central are exceptions to this rule. The Pan-Handle roads is not affected at all, nor its depot. The Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton, and the trains running into its depot, arrive and depart as usual. Since the flood of 1884, when the Ohio and Mississippi road was disabled between here and Lawrenceburg, its track has been raised so that it is out of danger against any flood that is likely to come.

Early in the railroads decline to receive perishable freight, and will only receive other freight at the risk of shipment.

With the exception of the ferries and one or two short trade packets, all of the steamers have withdrawn and tied up.

The only damage so far has been caused by moving goods and interruption to business. The current in the river is very swift, and extra lines have been put out to hold the coal fleets to their moorings.

At Newport water is four feet deep atabella and Fourth streets and a number of families are seeking other houses.

In Covington the low lying portions are submerged, but none of the large manufacturing are interfered with yet.

At Portsmouth the water works have been stopped by the overflow, but the manufacturer are situated above what is now regarded as the probable height of the flood.

Parkersburg has lost its gas and water and is in danger of a coal famine.

### Heavy Rain Storms in California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—Rain storms of unusual severity have prevailed throughout the state for the past two days. Beyond a few wash-outs on railroads and a serious interruption of telegraphic communication no serious damage is reported. On the Southern Pacific lines several washouts are reported, which will cause some detention of traffic. A slide 250 feet long is reported west of Acton, and one of the same dimensions east of there.

### RESCUED ALIVE.

Five Men Live Eighteen Days in the Flooded Jeanesville Mine.

JEANESVILLE, Pa., Feb. 24.—This place was thrown into a fever of excitement at 11:30 last night when it was announced that five of the men, who were entombed in the mine here eighteen days ago, had been found alive. Their names are John Tumaskusky, Joe Mastuskowich, John Berne, Bosco Frinko and an unknown Hungarian who was visiting Berne on the day of the disaster. How they survived is a miracle. Nothing like it has been known or heard of in the anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania.

The exploring party yesterday morning found the bodies of James Griffith, Bernard McCloskey and a Hungarian laborer, near the entrance of the east gangway. The bodies were brought to the surface at noon. They are in a terribly bloated condition. Another Hungarian was found in the afternoon. Neither of the Hungarian bodies are recognizable. The victims were found floating in a dog hole in the main gangway.

These bodies, with the five men rescued alive, makes every one of the eighteen men accounted for.

### MEXICAN MURDERERS

Run Down With Bloodhounds, But They Refuse to Surrender.

RATON, N. M., Feb. 24.—A message was received yesterday afternoon from Maxwell City calling for more men, and stating that the Mexicans who murdered United States Marshall Seth V. Russell Saturday afternoon, had been run down by the bloodhounds, and about forty of them were in an adobe house on the Vallejo hills, surrounded by a posse, but owing to their strong position, it was impossible to take them without a bloody battle.

As there is no doubt the Mexicans will make a savage fight before surrendering, a large number of citizens from Raton and vicinity, armed with Winchester, started for the seat of war late yesterday evening and are determined to either capture or exterminate the entire band.

### California Will Be There.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 24.—The state senate has passed a bill appropriating \$300,000 for California's exhibit at the world's fair. The bill has already passed the house and now requires the governor's signature to become a law.

## FOREIGN NEWS.

A Bitter Feud Prevailing in Hungary. Other Cable Dispatches.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—A very bitter feeling prevails in Hungary over the fact that the Archduke Franz Ferdinand was accompanied only by Australian noblemen on his recent visit to Russia. The archduke returned home by way of Hungary, with a view of calming the anger of the Hungarians who consider that they were purposely neglected. The indignation of the Magyars is however unabated, and the animosity is especially conspicuous among the nobility.

Count Szechenyi, the Hungarian master of ceremonies at the imperial court, who has heretofore been in the habit of assisting the Austrian Lord Chamberlain, Prince Hohenle in making out the list of guests to be invited to court festivities while the emperor is in residence at the Hungarian capital, now refuses to perform that duty. The outbreak of feeling is unfortunate at this time when there seems to be a revival from other causes of National agitation in Hungary.

### Revolt of Troops in Argentine.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—Advices received by The Gaulois from Buenos Ayres are to the effect that the government troops have revolted in the province of Cordoba and have seized the governor's palace. In consequence of this uprising a state of siege has been declared throughout the province. President Pellegrini has ordered that the most vigorous measures be taken to suppress the outbreak. Measures at Cordoba, Rio Cuarto and Santo Rosa, the last named place being the center of the revolt.

### Railroad Accident in Poland.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—A fearful railroad accident is reported from the town of Jast-Litovsk, formerly known as Brest-Litovsk in Russian Poland. The town is a point of junction for several railroads. Two trains came in collision with most terrible result, sixteen persons being killed and many seriously injured. The authorities are holding an investigation as to the cause of the disaster.

### Not Reconciled to White Rule.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Advices from the German coast of East Africa show that the natives are far from being pacified, and that much remains to be done before they will be reconciled to white rule. Mr. Schellen is believed to be well qualified for his chosen task, and confident anticipations were uttered that he would prove successful.

### Dervishes Surrendering.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—A Suakin dispatch says that the cavalry overtook the enemy at Afafite. Many of the dervishes surrendered and numbers of the dervishes were wounded on the road. Osman Ali na has but few followers. The chiefs of most of the tribes sent petitions for pardon.

### VESSEL WRECKED.

Nineteen Lives Lost by the Sinking of a Steamer.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—The loss of life by the wrecking of the ship Elizabeth, off North Head, Saturday night, is now estimated at nineteen. Eleven persons were saved so far as known. The list of those known to be saved comprises Mrs. Colcord, the captain's wife, their son and daughter, Chief Mate Barclay, James Tassan, wheelman, and six seamen.

Those missing and believed to be drowned are Capt. Colcord, Second Officer Pendleton, William Redmond, and Edmund Miles, boatswain, Carpenter Smith, twelve seamen and the Chinese cook and Capt. Henry, of the life saving station. The latter's body has been recovered, and a body believed to be that of Capt. Colcord has been picked up. Chief Mate Barclay in his account of the wreck, says that after the captain's family had been placed aboard the tug Saturday, efforts were redoubled to save the ship. Capt. Colcord was badly hurt during the afternoon by being thrown against a capstan, and was unable to move except with great pain, but he heroically refused to be sent ashore, and said now that his family was safe he would stand by the ship. Soon the combined forces of an angry sea and heavy gale threw the ship upon the rocks. The life boat was launched and thirteen of the crew entered it. They endeavored to keep near the vessel to take off the others, but the high wind soon drove them out of sight.

Mate Barclay and eight men were left on the vessel. Soon the masts went by the board and the vessel was raised high on the waves and fell upon the rocks, where she broke asunder. Barclay and his companions were thrown into the sea and five of them after a hard struggle reached the shore. The others were drowned. The life boat after leaving the wreck was soon overturned and all but four of its occupants were drowned.

### NEGRO LYNCHED.

A Mob Saves the State of Virginia the Cost of a Murder Trial.

PETERSBURG, Va., Feb. 24.—Some days ago Hugh Hammock, a prominent farmer residing at Melville, Nottaway county, was assaulted and robbed of \$33 while passing along the highway near Blackstone, by a burly negro named Scott Bishop. Bishop escaped at the time and was arrested Saturday night and brought to Blackstone Sunday. Hammock died on Friday from the effects of the assault, and the people were much excited over the affair.

Yesterday morning at 4 o'clock a mob took Bishop from the officers and hanged him to a tree near the town. The negro begged piteously for his life, but his entreaties were of no avail. At noon the body was still hanging and a coroner's jury was summoned.

A man named Henn out in Iowa laid a corner stone the other day. Here is a dazzling opportunity for the barren paragrapher to yoke an egg joke to this.—American Grocer.